

# TOWN OF HERNDON

*Enriching the Quality of Life and Promoting a Sense of Community*



## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Press Contact: Anne Curtis  
703/435-6800 X2010  
[anne.curtis@herndon-va.gov](mailto:anne.curtis@herndon-va.gov)

### **HERNDON ANNOUNCES DEPARTURE OF TOWN MANAGER *Owen to Assume City Manager Post in Staunton, VA***

Herndon, VA (February 2, 2007) – With “regret and sincere best wishes,” Herndon Mayor Stephen J. DeBenedittis accepted the resignation of Town Manager Stephen F. Owen, who is departing to assume the city manager position in Staunton, VA.

“Throughout his tenure, Steve has provided thoughtful, professional counsel to Herndon’s elected officials and principled leadership to Town staff,” said DeBenedittis. “His imprint on our operations will be felt long after his departure. We wish him well as he undertakes a new professional challenge in Staunton.”

Owen was hired as Herndon’s town manager in January, 2003. He has served under three Mayors – Rick Thoesen, Michael L. O’Reilly and DeBenedittis – and has had oversight of Town administration and operations during a period of residential and commercial growth for the Town. His last day as Herndon’s town manager is February 28.

The town manager is Herndon’s chief administrative official and reports directly to the Mayor and Town Council. All departments, including administration, community development, public works, police, finance and parks & recreation report directly to the town manager. An

interim manager will be appointed by the Mayor and Council in February, at which point the Council will launch a search for a permanent replacement.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 22,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people. In 2006, Herndon was named one of the “best affordable suburbs” in the nation by *Business Week* Magazine.

For more information, visit the Town’s website at [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov).

###